

# NVBA Newsletter

April – May 2002

## Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events

(April – mid-June 2002)

April 11	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
April 18	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
April 25	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
May 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratified District 6 Charity Game
May 9	KOCH	7:00	Annual Meeting / Charity Game
May 16	KOCH	7:00	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
May 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
May 30	Beth El	7:00	LM/Non-LM Super Upgraded Club Championship
June 6	Beth El	7:00	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
June 13	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP Qualifying Game

### Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited.

For the NAP qualifying game, see the Conditions of Contest for the stratification limits.

★ **Free Unit Game entries for all 0-199ers for all games during June—see page 3**

★ **Life Master / Non-Life Master Game—see page 12**

## President's Message

by Bruce Culmer

As I finish the first year of my term, I want to thank the many people who have contributed their valuable time to help keep things running smoothly. I really appreciate all the extra effort that I've seen this year.

Please be sure to come to the Annual Meeting at KOCH on May 9 to vote in the election and to honor the winners of 2001 Ace of Clubs, mini-McKinney, and Unit races. Food will be served beginning at 5:30, followed by a short meeting at 7:00, with the bridge game starting immediately after the meeting (7:30).

Within the next several weeks, we have scheduled two events for the non-Life Masters in our Unit. On May 30, we will be holding the Life Master/non-Life Master game. Ron Kral is organizing it (see his article on page 12). He needs all of you to help in this worthwhile endeavor. Secondly, in order to start rebuilding the 199er game, all 0-199 players will be playing as the Unit's guests (i.e., playing for free!!) during the entire month of June (see page 3 for more details).

As of this issue, we are no longer sending a hard copy of the newsletter

to those members who have said that they will accept an electronic copy. Please let us know your e-mail address if you have not done so already. You may do this by e-mailing us at [newsletter@nvba.org](mailto:newsletter@nvba.org), or writing your e-mail address on your entry form for the Unit game or at the next NVBA sectional. In this way we can get information to you more quickly and save the costs of printing and mailing. As a matter of policy, we will not release your e-mail address to anyone, and it will only be used to provide you with the newsletter and important information about Unit activities.

We have also been doing some revisions on our website. If you have not visited it lately, take a minute and check it out (<http://www.nvba.org/>). We are considering posting the hand records from the Unit games if there is sufficient interest. Please give your views on this to Melissa Borsody, our webmaster ([webmaster@nvba.org](mailto:webmaster@nvba.org)).

Also, please remember that the Unit game on May 16 has been moved to KOCH because of activities at the Beth El Congregation.

### North Hands *(See Tom Musso's article, page 8)*

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| (1) ♠Q9753 ♥64 ♦K75 ♣Q52 | (7) ♠K85 ♥3 ♦AK7654 ♣A87  |
| (2) ♠JT65 ♥A652 ♦A6 ♣AK3 | (8) ♠AQ5 ♥AJ32 ♦A8 ♣Q985  |
| (3) ♠QT32 ♥A65 ♦42 ♣QT63 | (9) ♠K85 ♥AJ32 ♦A83 ♣KJ5  |
| (4) ♠KT74 ♥A64 ♦A974 ♣A5 | (10) ♠A32 ♥9532 ♦6542 ♣K2 |
| (5) ♠83 ♥T63 ♦86 ♣AQ8764 | (11) ♠AQ75 ♥AQ6 ♦QJ84 ♣J7 |
| (6) ♠AJT ♥K5 ♦KQJT3 ♣KT4 | (12) ♠J974 ♥K8752 ♦A3 ♣75 |

## Novice/Intermediate Appreciation Month

The NVBA Board wants to encourage greater novice and intermediate participation in our weekly Unit game. We've declared June 2002 as "Novice/Intermediate Appreciation Month." Anyone with fewer than 200 points who plays at any or all of the Thursday night Unit games in June will receive a **free** entry. That's right, **free!** For the **entire month!**

The free Unit games start Thursday, June 6th, the week immediately following the Annual LM/NLM game. We will do everything we can to ensure that there is a separate 0-199er game; and if there is a 199er game, it will have its own Director. We are also guaranteeing partners for the 199er game, so if your regular pard isn't available, come and meet someone new! If you choose to play in the "big" game, you can also do that for **free**, too!

This is a great opportunity, so take advantage of it! Mark your calendar now and be sure to tell all your friends.

## NVBA Milestones

### New Junior Masters

Dorothy Black

### New Club Masters

Rita Bisgrove

Dan Bruh

Harlan Geyer

Andree Mirza

Thomas O'Connor

### New Sectional Masters

Herman Bluestone

Richard Kearney

Carole Lee

### New Regional Masters

Christianne Allmang

Nancy Odend'hal

Betty Watson

### New Bronze Life Masters

Eva Shaffer

## Hail, and Farewell

We'd like to welcome the following new ACBL members into our Unit:

Benjamin Chatfield

Patricia Gravallese

Susan Strauss

Rilda Chatfield

Jessica Lahr

Hannelore Suffridge

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Margaret Brown

Louis Krebs

Ruth Stern

Karen Dunleavy

Lloyd Smith

And we'd like to welcome the following new transfers into the Unit:

Ryan Connors

Mark Levine

Dorothy Nuppenau

David Genne

Jane Montgomery

Elizabeth Teale

Robert Higgins

Marjorie Motheral

## Annual Meeting and Election

It's that time once again! We'll gather starting at 5:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Road in Arlington on Thursday, May 9. The evening will start with a picnic dinner, which is *free* for NVBA members (\$7.50 for non-members). Voting will take place during the meal, followed at 7 pm by the annual meeting.

After the meeting, the fourth annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. It will be a Strat-flighted Unit Championship Charity game. Flight A/X (3000+/0-3000) will play in a separate game from the Flight B (500-2000)/C (0-500) players. We also plan to run a 0-199 game. There will be an entry fee of \$8 for the bridge games.

The offices of Vice President and Treasurer plus three Board positions are up for election. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a peti-

tion signed by 25 NVBA members submitted to Elections Chair Lucy McCoy no later than April 25 in order to get their names on the ballot.

Absentee ballots will be available after April 25 for any member who will miss the election due to illness or because of being out of town (defined as more than 50 miles from KOCH). Also, any member who is not physically capable of attending the Annual Meeting may request an absentee ballot. You may apply for such a ballot by writing to the Membership Secretary, Norma Pierzchala, at 2200 Columbia Pike #1006, Arlington, VA 22204. Ballots must be returned to Norma by noon, May 9, and must be received by U.S. mail.

Dinner, the annual meeting, election, and bridge will make this a fun evening for everyone...please join us!

## The Candidates for NVBA Officers and Board of Directors

### Margot Hennings— for Vice President



I have been active on the NVBA Board since 1989 and have served as Tournament Chair for our Sectionals and the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference 4th of July Regionals in even-numbered years throughout that period. I also served as co-Chair of the 1993 DC Summer Nationals, and am currently chairing the 2002 DC Nationals. In addition, I am a representative-at-large from District 6 to the MABC Board of Directors. I would like to see the momentum gained from the promotion of the Summer Nationals rekindle interest in long-time bridge players and encourage new players to come out and join in the fun at local clubs and at the NVBA Unit game.

**Ron Spieker—  
for Treasurer**



I am seeking re-election to the post of Unit Treasurer, having served in this capacity since 1998. Before that, I was the Newsletter Liaison in 1995 and 1996. I am a regular supporter of the Unit Game, and earlier this Spring I became a Silver Life Master. In “real” life, I supervise a group of financial analysts for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and am both a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst.

**Leo Cardillo—  
for Board Member**



Speaking of bridge, I was born in Brooklyn, not far from a certain bridge! I learned to play bridge as a senior in high school at lunchtime. I worked as an engineer and program manager for the US Government for 30 or so years, and now I’m retired. In September, I volunteered to take on the bridge program at Thomas Jefferson HS. Now, every Friday, I relive those wonderful days of yesteryear—a challenging and rewarding experience. If I’m elected to serve on the Board, I will work to expand our Education, Mentoring and Intermediate/Novice programs to bring along new players, and help others to improve their game.

**Bob Hartmann—  
for Board Member**



I have recently retired from the United States Navy in which I served in the Medical Corps and I have settled in the Washington area with my family. I have a B.S. from the University of Alaska, an M.A. from Stanford University and an M.D. from the University of Wisconsin. I am an avid bridge player and have been a member of our unit since 1988. Since I am fully retired, I can now give more time to bridge activities and would like to serve on the Board for the Unit.

**Kathryn Kiley—  
for Board Member**



I'm running for my second full term as a Board member, and hope to continue the work the Board has started toward encouraging new players to join the NVBA. As co-chair of all tournaments run by the NVBA, I plan to continue running player-friendly games, with events scheduled for all levels of skill. I'm also in my second term as an at-large member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference. Most of all, I encourage each of you to become involved in this activity we all love so it can continue to thrive and prosper.

### **Unit Game Updates**

*by Marshall Kuschner*

Hi, my name's Marshall and I'll be your Chief Director this year. I'd happily tell you about our specials, but I just got off the plane from Houston, and, frankly, don't know what they are myself. I can tell you that, like my predecessor, David Gottfried, my goal will be to provide an enjoyable environment for you. If you only play once a week, we hope the Unit game will be your choice. If you play twice, see me on Thursday night and I will counsel you with prejudice on your other options.

The *Newsletter* Editor is tapping her foot waiting for me to finish this column so I'll be brief, at least this time. I hope to make part of this space instructive and the topic getting the most attention these days is the new alert procedure. Everyone knows that it went into effect March 1st, but it's not clear that anyone knows what's on it (see the "Jack of Hearts" on page 11). At the Nationals in Houston, most questions to directors about what's alertable drew responses of "let me get back to you on that". The one thing we all know is that you must now announce your range when partner opens INT. The other thing we all know is that hardly anyone is doing it. We certainly are going to allow an adjustment period during which we will not penalize anyone for failing to announce. Sorry, no rewards for remembering, either. Jump raises in competition are no longer alertable nor are Stayman sequences which may or may not have a major. As for other things, we'll deal with them as they come up and get back to you when we get the right answer. Besides, the third thing we all know is that as soon as we get used to the new stuff, it will change.

See you Thursday.

## Uncle Sam Wants You in 2002!

Washington, D.C. and our local units are once again proud to host a **Summer North American Bridge Championship** (NABC), to be held from **July 18 to 28** at the Marriott Wardman Park (formerly the Sheraton). All events—bridge, entertainment, and hospitality—will be located within the host hotel.

There is so much to tell you about what has been planned that it is difficult to know where to start! You will certainly want to plan to stay after the evening sessions for the great **free food, entertainment, and general hospitality**, including—

*David Levy*, bridge's own classical pianist, Friday, July 19

*The Capitol Steps*, Saturday, July 20

*Alain Nu*, magician extraordinaire, Thursday, July 25

Plus we have planned lots of special receptions for Seniors and the “I/N” (intermediate/novice) crowd, as well as other groups (military personnel, all those who have bought t-shirts or cookbooks, and lots of others!)

How do I get there, you ask? One way is by **Metro**—there's a stop at the edge of the hotel property (Woodley Park/National Zoo on the Red Line). You can also drive: **hotel parking** is currently \$19 a day per car, but we're working on that! David Rodney, our Logistics and Transportation Chair, has secured extra parking spaces at one of the University of the District of Columbia's garages for only \$8 per day. We will have **shuttle buses** to and from the lot from 11:30 am until midnight. We are also offering special **off-site parking** (at no or very little charge) for hotel guests who plan to stay and play for at least 4 days. Plans to accommodate other players are still in the works—stay tuned for all the latest details!

Information about every aspect of the tournament—from **morning tours** to **child care** to **caddies** to the **complete schedule of events**—is available at our web site: [www.dcnationals.com](http://www.dcnationals.com). There are also special prizes and e-mail messages for those who register on our website. Check it out!

And, last but not least, we need lots of volunteers to help make all of our planning a success during the tournament itself. **Lee Ann Jensen** is our **Volunteer Coordinator**. Sign up to help on the web, or add your name to one of the notebooks available at the remaining NVBA and WBL sectionals and at both units' Annual Meetings. You can help with **Registration, Information, Partnerships, Prizes, the Restaurant Guide, Morning Tours, Late-Nite Entertainment**—the list goes on!! If you need more information on volunteering, just ask Margot Hennings, Kathryn Kiley, Lee Jensen, or Kathy Kruskal—all Tournament Chairs for this event—what you can do! Don't miss out—be part of the fun!! Share in the excitement of hosting a National tournament!

And look for more, up-to-date information on the website and in the next issue of the *NVBA Newsletter*!

## Knockout Match #4 No Trump Hands

by Tom Musso

Here is another partnership bidding challenge. If you like, you can bid the set of hands with your partner. Assume you are playing half of a knockout match, so IMP scoring applies. You are also playing 15-17 INT openings. At the end I'll tell you what happened at the other table along with the IMP results of potential contracts. Finally, I'll provide a suggested auction. For in-depth discussion of NT bidding, see Chapter 1 of *Washington Standard*, by Steve Robinson.

### Responses to 1NT

- 2♣ = Stayman (could be start of NT invitation without 4-card major)
- 2♦ and 2♥ = Jacoby Transfers to hearts and spades
- 2♠ and 2NT = Transfers to clubs and diamonds
- 3♣ = 5-5 minors, weak
- 3♦ = 5-5 minors, Game Forcing
- 3♥ = 5-5 Majors, invitational
- 3♠ = 5-5 Majors, Game Forcing
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = Gerber
- 4♦ and 4♥ = Texas Transfers to hearts and spades
- 4NT = quantitative NT raise inviting slam.

### Follow-up Agreements

- (1) After 1NT-2C-2D —
- 2♥ = weak with both majors
  - 2♠ to play (weak with 5-4 in Majors)
  - 3 minor = natural and Game Forcing
  - 3 Major = Smolen (4 cards in Major bid and 5 cards in other major)

- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = Gerber
- 4♦ and 4♥ = Texas-like Transfers to hearts and spades with 4 cards in other major
- 4NT = quantitative NT raise inviting slam

(2) After 1NT-2♣-2M (note: opener bids hearts with 4 cards in both majors) —

- 2♠ after opener bids 2♥ = 4 spades, less than 4 hearts and invitational values
- 2NT = invitational
- 3 of a minor = natural and Game Forcing
- 3 of other Major = unbalanced slam try in opener's Major
- 3NT = pass or correct to 4 of other Major with 4 cards in other Major
- 4♣ = Roman Key Card Gerber
- 4♦ = balanced slam try in opener's Major
- 4NT = quantitative NT raise inviting slam

(3) After 1NT-2♦/2♥, opener bids 3 of Major with 4-card support and max, 2NT with 3-card support and max, otherwise simply accepts transfer

- New Suits = Natural and Game Forcing
- Jump Shift = Splinter
- 3NT = Choice of games
- 4NT = quantitative NT raise inviting slam

(4) After minor suit transfers, opener pre-accepts by bidding 2NT over 2♠, or 3♣ over 2NT, with Kx or Qxx in partner's minor



• Whether partner pre-accepts or not, new suits below 3NT = singleton or void (NT opener attempts to sign-off in 3NT with wasted values in partner's short suit)

• If opener pre-accepts, 3NT = to play

• If opener does not pre-accept, 3NT = balanced slam try with 6-card minor

North hands are shown on page 2, and the South hands are on page 12. Dealer and vulnerability are indicated; assume passing opponents unless otherwise stated.

## Results

(1) N dlr, none vul.

N: ♠Q9753 ♥64 ♦K75 ♣Q52

S: ♠JT6 ♥AK ♦AQ9 ♣JT743

Other table bid 2♠, scoring +110.

IMP results: 2♠ = push; 3♠ = -4;

4♠ = -5; 1NT = -4; 2NT = -5;

3NT = -6

Suggested auction: pass - 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ - pass

(2) E dlr, N-S vul.

N: ♠JT65 ♥A652 ♦A6 ♣AK3

S: ♠K74 ♥Q98 ♦Q987 ♣J75

Other table bid 2NT, scoring -100

IMP results: 2NT = push; 1NT = +5;

3NT = -3

Suggested auction: pass - 1NT - pass (responding with flat 8-count is not recommended)

(3) S dlr, E-W vul.

N: ♠QT32 ♥A65 ♦42 ♣QT63

S: ♠A965 ♥KT92 ♦AK5 ♣J7

Other table: 2♠, scoring +110.

IMP results: 2♠ = push; 1NT = -1;

3♠ = -4; 4♠ (doubled) = -9

Suggested auction: 1NT - 2C - 2♥ - 2♠ - pass

(4) W dlr, both vul.

N: ♠KT74 ♥A64 ♦A974 ♣A5

S: ♠A5 ♥5 ♦KQT86 ♣KQJT7

Other table: 6NT, scoring +1470.

IMP results: 6NT = push; 3NT/4NT

= -13; 7NT = +13; 6♦ = -13; 7♦ =

+12

Suggested auction: 1NT - 3♦ (5-5m

GF) - 3♠ (sets diamonds as trumps)-

4NT (RKCB) - 5♣ - 7♣ - 7♦ - pass

(South bids the Grand based on

solid clubs)

(5) N dlr, N-S vul.

N: ♠83 ♥T63 ♦86 ♣AQ8764

S: ♠KJT6 ♥AQ9 ♦QJT5 ♣K2

Other table: 3NT, scoring +600.

IMP results: 3NT = push; 1NT/2NT

= -19; 3♣ = -10

Suggested auction: pass - 1NT - 2♠

(transfer to clubs) - 2NT (pre-accept)

- 3NT - pass

(6) N dlr, N-S vul.

N: ♠AJT ♥K5 ♦KQJT3 ♣KT4

S: ♠987 ♥JT92 ♦965 ♣AQ5

Other table: 1NT, scoring +180

IMP results: 1NT/2NT = push; 3NT =

+10; 3♦ = -2; 4♦ = -7; 5♦ = -9

Suggested auction: 1♦ - 1♥ - 2NT -

3NT - pass (solid diamonds and T's

make North worth 18)

(7) E dlr, E-W vul.

N: ♠K85 ♥3 ♦AK7654 ♣A87

S: ♠AQJ3 ♥A74 ♦93 ♣KQT2

Other table: 6♦, scoring +920

IMP results: 6♦ = push; 5♦ = -11;

3♦/4♦ = -13; 3NT/4NT = -10; 6NT =

-14

Suggested auction: 1NT - 2NT (trans-

fer to diamonds) - 3♦ - 3♥ (shortness)

- 3♠ (values) - 4♣ (cue) - 4NT (RKCB)

- 5♣ - 5♥ (Q ask) - 6♦ - pass

(8) W dlr, none vul.

N: ♠AQ5 ♥AJ32 ♦A8 ♣Q985

S: ♠74 ♥KT876 ♦7654 ♣K7

Other table: 4♥, scoring +420  
IMP results: 4♥ = push; 2♥/3♥ = -6;  
1NT = -10; 2NT = -11  
Suggested auction 1NT - 2♦ - 3♥ -  
4♥ - pass

(9) N dlr, E-W vul.  
N: ♠K85 ♥AJ32 ♦A83 ♣KJ5  
S: ♠AQJ974 ♥K7 ♦7 ♣Q972  
Other table: 4♠, scoring +480.  
IMP results: 4♠/5♠ = push; 6♠ =  
+11; 3NT = -2; 6NT = -11  
Suggested auction: 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ -  
4♦ (splinter) - 4NT - 5♦ - 5♥ (Q ask) -  
6♥ (yes, and K of hearts is cheapest  
K) - 6♠ - pass

(10) E dlr, both vul.  
N: ♠A32 ♥9532 ♦6542 ♣K2  
S: ♠K9765 ♥AK ♦98 ♣AQ64  
Other table: 4♠, scoring +620.

IMP results: 4♠ = push; 2♠/3♠ =  
-10; 1NT/2NT = -11; 3NT = -12  
Suggested auction 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♣ - 4♠ -  
pass

(11) S dlr, none vul.  
N: ♠AQ75 ♥AQ6 ♦QJ84 ♣J7  
S: ♠K632 ♥K874 ♦K5 ♣863  
Other table: 4♠, scoring +420.  
IMP results: 4♠ = push; 2♠/3♠ = -6;  
2NT = -7; 3NT = -10  
Suggested auction: pass - 1NT - 2♣ -  
2♥ - 3NT - 4♠ - pass

(12) W dlr, N-S vul.  
N: ♠J974 ♥K8752 ♦A3 ♣75  
S: ♠AQ5 ♥AQ3 ♦K762 ♣J43  
Other table: 3♥, scoring +170.  
IMP results: 2♥/3♥ = push; 4♥ = +10;  
1NT/2NT = -2; 3NT = -7  
Suggested auction: pass - 1NT - 2♣ -  
2♦ - 3♠ - 4♥ - pass

## Easybridge! at the Smithsonian

*by Ron Kral*

Edith McMullin's Easybridge! classes at the Smithsonian were a huge success last summer, and they created a number of new duplicate players who are now attending club games and sectionals.

The Smithsonian has just agreed to offer another set of eight Easybridge! 1 sessions starting Thursday, April 18, and I will be the "presenter" (the Easybridge! word for teacher). The classes start at 6:30 pm, and will be held at the S. Dillon Ripley Center (1100 Jefferson Drive, SW, one block from the Smithsonian Metro stop). This course should appeal to those who work and cannot attend bridge lessons during the day.

I need your help in publicizing this event! Please contact anyone you know who has expressed an interest in learning bridge and tell them about this upcoming Smithsonian program. If you'd like some fliers about this course, please call me (703-437-0342).

For additional information or to register, call the Smithsonian at (202) 357-3030. Registration is also possible via the web:  
<http://residentassociates.org/com/bridge.asp>.

I'm also looking for volunteers to help with this fun program. I need three assistants at each session. If you're interested, please call me at the above number.

## The Jack of Hearts

*by Marshall Kuschner*

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When, on occasion, we nickname a national, it's seldom flattering. But, really. What would you call an NABC in Houston at this point in time but the Enron Nationals? What's more, it lived up to its billing. All week long opponents bid (Kenneth) Lay-down slams, employed the principle of (Andrew) Fastow-rival, and found (Jeffrey) Skilling leads against me. For the first time since 1991, the ACBL visited back-to-back gambling sites. The difference was that the folks in Las Vegas knew they were gambling before they lost their money. Ba-da-bing! Didja hear the good news? Saddam Hussein is letting the inspectors back into Iraq. The bad news is they're from Arthur Anderson. And don't you think Andy Fastow's eyes lit up when he heard we had a partnership desk?

Okay, now here's your pop quiz. If you were only going to one national this year, would you pick anything but Washington? Of course, not. That wasn't the quiz. The quiz is, if you were going to two, which would you add, Houston or Phoenix? You might guess that most would pick Phoenix and you might be right, but a lot of folks went to Houston. Many more than were expected. The estimate was 9000 tables, but when the dust and tumbleweed had settled, Houston drew 10,656.5, and few were disappointed. The folks in Houston put on a terrific tournament. They got high marks in hospitality and entertainment, and had the benefit of hotel people who quickly picked up on our unusual needs and fell into step to anticipate and provide. The lone drawback was

the awkward and unsightly playing space at the Galleria for the regional events. I tried to avoid that by playing in national events at the Marriott, but found myself back at the Galleria on the second day.

Apparently, most of us decided to save our travel budgets and our gray cells for Washington and failed to show up in Houston, whether we attended or not. National overalls were recorded by Janet and Bobby Gookin (Open Pairs I), Jeff Roman and Hugh Grosvenor (Open Swiss), and Hongmo Wang, Mel Yudkin, and Paul Krueger (NAOP, Flight C). Hugh and Jeff also won a regional KO, but the list of glorious success ends there.

Houston was also the first real test of the new alert procedures. Most folks failed to announce their notrum range, but most opponents didn't seem to notice or mind. A quick glance at the convention card told you what you needed to know and life went on. I'm sure one day soon, someone will make an issue of it. I just hope I'm not the one called to the table. There was also much confusion about what is and isn't alertable these days. We had been told that support doubles are still alertable, but the various failures to do so are not. Not so, said Max Hardy who was on the committee which formed the new system. I hope Max wins this one since it seems right to let opponents know what you know rather than make an innocuous sounding bid that reveals much about your hand to your partner alone. It's called full disclosure, something they wouldn't understand at Enron.

## Annual NVBA Life Master/Non-Life Master Game

Thursday, May 30th, is the date for the 2002 NVBA LM/NLM game. This event has always been extremely popular with the non-Life Master players, and a lot of fun, too, for both LMs and NLMs. We always get a great turnout.

Ron Kral is coordinating the event this year, and in order to make it run as smoothly as possible, he needs both LMs and NLMs to let him know in advance that they will be participating. Sign-up sheets will be available at the various club games and at all the Unit games between now and the end of May. Make sure you get your name on the list! This is a fun event, so be sure to sign up early. If you need more information, please call Ron at (703) 437-0342.

### South Hands *(See Tom Musso's article, page 8)*

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| (1) ♠JT6 ♥AK ♦AQ9 ♣JT743 | (7) ♠AQJ3 ♥A74 ♦93 ♣KQT2  |
| (2) ♠K74 ♥Q98 ♦Q987 ♣J75 | (8) ♠74 ♥KT876 ♦7654 ♣K7  |
| (3) ♠A965 ♥KT92 ♦AK5 ♣J7 | (9) ♠AQJ974 ♥K7 ♦7 ♣Q972  |
| (4) ♠A5 ♥5 ♦KQT86 ♣KQJT7 | (10) ♠K9765 ♥AK ♦98 ♣AQ64 |
| (5) ♠KJT6 ♥AQ9 ♦QJT5 ♣K2 | (11) ♠K632 ♥K874 ♦K5 ♣863 |
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## Parade of Winners

### Hilton Head (February 4-10)

#### Thurs Senior Pairs

- 1 Jack Armstrong - Maxine Morris

#### Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, A/X

- 1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Mike Passell - Michael Seamon

#### Senior Swiss Teams

- 2 Jack Armstrong - Ernest Gray - Barry Pariser - Marvin Shatz

#### Gullah Brkt KO—Salt Lake Brkt

- 2 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Mike Passell - Michael Seamon

### NVBA Sectional (February 21-24)

#### Thurs. Flight A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin  
2 Herman Louie - Ming Louie

#### Thurs. Flight B/C Pairs (49 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks  
2 1 Marty Zupan - David Jackson

#### Thurs. 300/200/100 Pairs in VA (18 Pairs)

- 1 Issa Dorri - Frances McNaught  
2 John Hudson - Dave Tonnesen  
1 Scott Brown - Patricia Brown  
2 Barbara Sidler - David Schultz  
1 John Betz, Jr. - Todd Etter  
2 Patricia Needham - Virginia Re

#### Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Susan Waters - Maggie Burke  
2 Robert Gemmill - Rolf Valtin

#### Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Lewis - Charles Yaple  
2 Cynthia Helms - Eugene Kales  
1 Martha Boyd - Jane Sturgis  
2 M. Halperin - Lorraine Yarmowich  
1 Richard Mersch - Subhra Nath  
2 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell

#### Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 James Gumbert - David Rodney  
2 1 Donnie Isaac - Esfandiar Khazai  
2/3 George Klemic - Michael Schatz  
2 Richard Rowen - Victor Van Rees

#### Sat. AM Senior Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Pamela Stark - Alfred O'Malley  
2 2 2 Shirley Lafferty - Gene Gallagher

#### Sat. AM 100/50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Patricia Boudinot - Patrick Josselin  
2 Mary Lacey - Betty Palmer  
2/3 Marie-Theres Klinefelter - A. South

#### Sat. Aft. Easybridge! (16 Pairs)

- 1 Stella Perry - Jeanne Muller  
2 Mary O'Shea - Jeff Youngen

#### Sat. Aft. 300/50 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Issa Dorri - Frances McNaught  
1 Terry Holmes - John Holmes

#### Sat. Aft. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 Paula Kahaner - Raymond Kahn  
2 Marcia Stein - Diane Alexander  
1 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell

#### Sat. Aft. Senior Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Samuel Mills, Jr. - John Ashe  
2 Jackie Greene - Carol Aitken  
2 Gerald Schrader - Harriet Schrader

#### Fri. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 David Maloney - Daniel Ward  
2 James Sandlin - James Conrad  
2 Kim Howell - Dan Ogale  
1 Jose Cortina - Adam Winsler  
2 Patricia Boudinot - Patrick Josselin

#### William Poissant Trophy Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Richard Zerilli - Jean Levin  
2 Vincent Wilmot, Jr. - Helene Bauman

#### Sat. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Del Rieschick - Jan Rieschick

#### Sat. Consolation Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 Diane Walker - Charles Yaple  
1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller  
2 1 David Jackson - Marty Zupan  
2 Julia Nasr - Hikmat Nasr

#### Flight B/C Swiss Teams (23 Teams)

- 1 Bruce Houston - Donald Van Arman - Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller  
2 1 Steven Rothman - Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett - Bruce Bucklinger  
2 Silvia Keenan - Joanne Harman - William Harman - John Corvari

#### Sun. Morn. 300/200/100 Teams (17 Teams)

- 1 1 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - G. Hatheway, Jr. - Gary Weinstein  
2 Reese House - Ted Guthrie - Philip Smith - Andres Doernberg

#### Sun. Afternoon 300/200 Swiss Teams (9 Teams)

- 1 1 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - G. Hatheway, Jr. - Edward Taborek  
2 Martha Lackey - Nancy Arnold - Margaret Brown - Janice Gleason

**WBL Sectional**  
(February 28 - March 3)

**Thurs. Eve. Flight A/X Pairs**

3 2 Robert Zier - Kristene Miller

**Fri. Morn. Strat. Open Pairs**

- 1 Peggy Allen - Hugh Grosvenor
- 2 Earl Glickstein - Robert Gookin
- 2 Edward Rodrigues - Dayle Masumura

**Fri. Morn. Senior Pairs**

2 1 Gary Coe - Patricia Coe

**Fri. Morn. 0-300 Pairs**

1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

**Fri. Aft. Open Pairs**

- 1 Earl Glickstein - Robert Gookin
- 2 Barbara Shaw - Hugh Grosvenor

**Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs**

1 1 Suellen Garrison - Phyllis Dean

**Fri. Aft. Senior Pairs**

2 2 2 Gary Coe - Patricia Coe

**Fri. Eve. Flight A/X Pairs**

2 Elizabeth Opal - Stephen Czecha

**Fri. Eve. 0-300 Pairs**

- 1 Fran McNaught - L. Vanderschaaf
- 2 1 Suellen Garrison - Phyllis Dean
- 2 Terry Jones - Gloria Halstead

**Sat. AM Senior Pairs**

2 Kenneth Davis - John Ashe

**Sat. Aft. Flight A/X Pairs**

2 Glenn Young - Danijel Zenko

**Sat. Aft. 0-300 Pairs**

- 1 Fran McNaught - L. Vanderschaaf
- 2 1 1 Barbara Diccico - Don Henry

**Sat. EasyBridge! Pairs**

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea
- 2 Jason Ji - Matthew Lashof-Regas

**Sat Eve B/C Pairs**

2 Joseph Ogulin - Penny Stoever

**Sat Eve 0-300 Pairs**

1 1 Robin Teale - Charles King

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams**

- 2 S. Robinson - Jeff Roman - Donna Rogall - J. Adams - M. Shaw - B. Shaw
- 2 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal - Michael Richey

**Sunday B/C Swiss**

- 1 Robert York - Edward Duffy - Richard Whittington - M. Warchol
- 2 Laurence Angell - Joanne Angell - Eva Shaffer - Julia Brown

**Sun AM 299er Swiss Teams**

- 2 James Goodwin - Jim Hayes - Jack Radov - Randall Roberts
- 2 Barbara DiCicco - Don Henry - Pitamber Devgon - Neal McKinney

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss Teams**

- 1 Don Henry - Barbara DiCicco - Barbara Stanard - Bruce Bromberg
- 2 1 Richard Cassell - Mitchell Karlick - G. Hatheway, Jr. - John McCann

**Houston NABC**  
(March 6 - 17)

**Open Pairs 1**

23 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin

**Compact KO The '61' Club KO 1**

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman  
Venkatrao Koneru - Larry Mori

**Women's Pairs**

21 Cecily Kohler - Ellen Melson

**Friday Stratified Women's Pairs**

2 Carolyn Gibson - Jean Levin

**Open Swiss Teams**

16 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - B. Baran - V. Koneru - P. Rajadhyaksha

**Stratified A/X Swiss**

2 Lee DeSimone - Michael Diesel - John Gassenheimer - Jan Gottesfeld

**North American Pairs Flight C**

8 Hongmo Wang - Eugene Fisher  
22 Paul Krueger - Melville Yudkin

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# NVBA "April Foolishness" Sectional

## APRIL 25-28, 2002

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)  
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### Thursday, April 25

Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, VA (NVBA)  
Christ the King Church, 2501 Colston Dr. Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)  
(One block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Grubb and Washington)

	NVBA	WBL
Stratified Pairs (A/E: 3000+/0-3000; B/C: 2000/750)	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
299er Pairs (300/200/100)	7:00 pm	
189er Pairs (200/100/50)		7:30 pm
Easybridge Pairs	7:00 pm	7:30 pm

### ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH

### Friday, April 26

Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	2:00 pm
299er Pairs (0-300)	2:00 pm
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	2:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	8:00 pm
Intermediate Stratified Pairs (300/200/100)	8:00 pm
49er Pairs (50/20/5)	8:00 pm

### Saturday, April 27

★ <i>Novice/Intermediate Lecture: Jeff Roman</i>	10:00 am	★
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	10:30 am	
Stratified Senior Pairs (1500+/1500/500)	10:30 am	
Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm	
Flights A/E (3000+/0-3000) (separate)		
Flights B, C and D (stratified together) (B = 750-2000; C = 300-750; D = 0-300)		
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	1:00 pm	
Easybridge Pairs	1:00 pm	
Stratified Senior Pairs (1500+/1500/500)	3:00 pm	
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	7:00 pm	
Intermediate Stratified Pairs (300/200/100)	7:00 pm	

### Sunday, April 28

Flight A/E and B/C Swiss Teams	11:00 am
Flights A/E (3000+/0-3000); Flight B/C (2000/750)	
Both flights are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break — box lunch available	
299er Swiss Teams (0-300)	11:00 am
Mini-Stratified Swiss Teams (100/50/20; single session)	11:00 am
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (300/200/100; single session)	3:15 pm

*Mid-Chart conventions permitted in all Flight A, Flight B, and Open Stratified events*

**Snacks Every Session Plus  
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Margot Harnings (703) 560-0245 and  
Esther Riley (703) 758-0566

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**Directions:** From Rte. 466 (the Beltway) or points West of the Beltway, take Rte. 66 East to the Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Hancock Street. Go 2 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KOCH is on your left 2 1/2 miles down Little Falls. **From D.C. or Arlington, take Rte. 66 West** to the Sycamore Street exit. At the head of the exit ramp, turn right onto Sycamore. At the second light, turn right onto Lee Highway and go a little over 1 mile and turn left onto Hancock Street. Follow the above directions to that point. **Or:** From D.C., go straight across Chain Bridge and then keep left to stay on Clebe Road. From the light at the head of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road (the second right past the light at Williamsburg Lane). Cross Old Dominion (3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another 3 miles to the KOCH on your right. **Also from Arlington or Falls Church,** simply take Lee Highway to Hancock. **From Midland,** use Fla. 66 East or you can also take Fla. 123 to Old Dominion and stay on Old Dominion, turning right onto Little Falls just after you pass Williamsburg. **From all directions,** turn up the driveway and circle past the stone lodge. Follow signs for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KOCH 2475" down the hill to your right.



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